

**Joint Informational Hearing of the
Senate Judiciary Committee
and
Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee, Subcommittee No. 5 on Corrections,
Public Safety and the Judiciary**

“Public Access to Justice in the Wake of Budget Cutbacks”

April 16, 2012
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
State Capitol, Room 4203

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Opening Remarks from Chairs** (5 minutes)
- Senator Noreen Evans, Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee
 - Senator Loni Hancock, Chair of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee, Subcommittee 5 on Corrections, Public Safety and the Judiciary
- II. The National Perspective: What the ABA Task Force on Preservation of the Justice System Has Learned** (30 minutes)
- David Boies & Theodore B. Olson, Co-Chairs, American Bar Association, Task Force on Preservation of the Justice System (20 minutes)
- III. Presentation on “Hearings on California’s Civil Justice Crisis” co-sponsored by the State Bar of California, CalChamber, and the Commission on Access to Justice** (15 minutes)
- Jon B. Streeter, President of the State Bar of California
 - Erika Frank, Vice President and General Counsel, California Chamber of Commerce
- IV. Access to Legal Services** (30 minutes)
- Diane Bras, Self Help Attorney/Family Law Facilitator, Placer County Superior Court
 - Ramon Arias, Executive Director, Bay Area Legal Aid
 - Kimberly C. Tucker, Director, Sonoma County Public Law Library
- V. Access to Court Services** (40 minutes)
- Judges:
 - Hon. David Rosenberg, Chair, Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee, Presiding Judge, Yolo County Superior Court
 - Hon. Diana Becton, Presiding Judge, Contra Costa County Superior Court
 - Hon. David P. Warner, Presiding Judge, San Joaquin County Superior Court

- Open Courts Coalition
 - Kelly Dermody, Partner, Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann, & Bernstein; President, Bar Association of San Francisco
 - Jon Bacon, Partner, Archer Norris; President, California Defense Counsel
 - Nancy O'Malley, District Attorney, Alameda County

VI. Public Comment (15 minutes)